

That the Secretary of the Interior is authorized to make all rules and regulations necessary to carry out the provisions of this Act: *Provided further*, That the claims which shall be investigated under this Act shall be individual claims for allotments of land and for loss of personal property or improvements where the claimants or those through whom the claims originated were not members of any band of Indians engaged in hostilities against the United States at the time the losses occurred. If any such claims shall be considered meritorious, the Secretary of the Interior shall adjust same where there is existing law to authorize their adjustment, and such other meritorious claims he shall report to Congress with appropriate recommendation.

Regulations to be made.

Nature of claims.

Adjustment, etc., of meritorious claims.

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CHAP. 488.—An Act Authorizing the Henderson-Ohio River Bridge Company, its successors and assigns, to construct, maintain, and operate a bridge across the Ohio River at or near Henderson, Kentucky.

May 3, 1928.

[S. 4046.]

[Public, No. 348.]

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That in order to facilitate interstate commerce, improve the postal service, and provide for military and other purposes, the Henderson-Ohio River Bridge Company, its successors and assigns, be and is hereby, authorized to construct, maintain, and operate a bridge and approaches thereto across the Ohio River, at a point suitable to the interests of navigation, at or near Henderson, Henderson County, Kentucky, across said river to a point opposite in Vanderburgh County, Indiana, in accordance with the provisions of the Act entitled "An Act to regulate the construction of bridges over navigable waters," approved March 23, 1906, and subject to the conditions and limitations contained in this Act.

Ohio River.
Henderson-Ohio River Bridge Company may bridge, at Henderson, Ky.

Construction.
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SEC. 2. There is hereby conferred upon Henderson-Ohio River Bridge Company, its successors and assigns, all such rights and powers to enter upon lands and to acquire, condemn, occupy, possess, and use real estate and other property needed for the location, construction, operation, and maintenance of such bridge and its approaches as are possessed by railroad corporations for railroad purposes or by bridge corporations for bridge purposes in the State in which such real estate or other property is situated, upon making just compensation therefor, to be ascertained and paid according to the laws of such State, and the proceedings therefor shall be the same as in the condemnation or expropriation of property for public purposes in such State.

Right to acquire real estate, etc., for location, approaches, etc.

Condemnation proceedings.

SEC. 3. The Henderson-Ohio River Bridge Company, its successors and assigns, is hereby authorized to fix and charge tolls for transit over such bridge, and the rates of toll so fixed shall be the legal rates until changed by the Secretary of War under the authority contained in the Act of March 23, 1906.

Tolls authorized.

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SEC. 4. From the tolls charged for the use of such bridge, the Henderson-Ohio River Bridge Company, its successors and assigns, shall pay all reasonable operating costs, taxes, assessments, insurance, cost of maintenance, repairs, necessary replacements, and interest on the bonds and dividends on the stock issued to procure necessary funds for the construction of such bridge and its approaches and other costs incidental thereto; all other funds received for the use of such bridge, after the payment of the foregoing costs and charges, shall be set aside in the manner hereinafter provided as a sinking fund for retiring the bonds and the stock issued and sold by the

Use of tolls designated.

Other funds set aside as sinking fund for retiring bonds, etc.

Appointment of trustee for mortgage, etc.

Net revenues for redemption of bonds.

Retirement of stock after redemption of bonds.

Interest and dividend rates.

Issue limit.

Upon payment or redemption of all bonds and stock, bridge to become property of Kentucky.

Conveyance by Bridge Company.

To be a free bridge. Record of expenditures and receipts.

Acquisition authorized, after completion, by Kentucky, etc.

Condemnation proceedings.

Compensation if acquired by condemnation.

Henderson-Ohio River Bridge Company, its successors and assigns, for the purpose of providing the funds with which to construct said bridge and its approaches. Any mortgage or deed of trust issued by the Henderson-Ohio River Bridge Company, its successors and assigns, to secure funds for the construction of said bridge and its approaches, shall provide for the appointment of the Kentucky State Highway Commission, or such bank or bank and trust company in Henderson County, Kentucky, as said Commission may designate as trustee, and the net revenues received from the use of such bridge as provided for in this section, shall be paid to the trustee and used for the payment or redemption, at par, as soon as possible, of all bonds issued and sold in connection with the construction of such bridge; after all such bonds have been paid or retired, the trustee shall continue to act as such and shall apply the net proceeds from the use of such bridge as rapidly as possible to the retirement of the outstanding stock at par issued by the Henderson-Ohio River Bridge Company in connection with the construction of such bridge. No bonds or stock issued and sold for the purpose of providing funds for the construction of said bridge, its approaches and appurtenances, shall bear interest or pay dividends at a rate exceeding 7 per centum per annum. Such bonds and stock so issued shall not exceed in the aggregate the total actual cost of constructing such bridge and its approaches and any real estate that may be necessarily required in connection therewith, and organization and financing charges, not exceeding 10 per centum of the actual cost of constructing such bridge and approaches and acquiring such real estate.

SEC. 5. When all of the bonds and stock issued and sold in connection with the construction of said bridge shall have been paid or redeemed, or shall have been called for payment or redemption, and the funds with which to redeem such as shall not have been presented for redemption shall have been provided, the bridge and its approaches and appurtenances shall thereupon be and become the property of the State of Kentucky, and the proper officials or agents of the Henderson-Ohio River Bridge Company, its successors and assigns, shall immediately, by proper deed of conveyance, convey, transfer, and assign to the State Highway Commission of the State of Kentucky, the said bridge and its approaches and all real estate, franchises and other property necessarily held in connection therewith. Thereafter such bridge shall be maintained and operated free of tolls. An accurate record of the costs of the bridge, its approaches and appurtenances, the expenditures for maintaining, repairing, and operating the same and for taxes, insurance, betterments, and other necessary charges and of the daily tolls collected, shall be kept and shall be available for the information of all persons interested.

SEC. 6. After the completion of such bridge, the State of Kentucky, through its State highway commission, or, with the consent and approval of the State highway commission, the County of Henderson, may, at any time, acquire and take over all right, title, and interest in such bridge and its approaches, and any interest in real property necessary therefor, by purchase or by condemnation, or expropriation, in accordance with the laws of the State of Kentucky governing the acquisition of private property for public purposes by condemnation or expropriation. If the bridge and its approaches and appurtenances are acquired by condemnation, the amount of damages or compensation to be allowed shall be such an amount as will equal the amount necessary to redeem and retire all the bonds and stock outstanding at the time of such condemnation proceedings.

SEC. 7. If such bridge shall at any time be taken over or acquired by the State of Kentucky, or by Henderson County, as provided by section 6 of this Act, and if tolls are thereafter charged for the use thereof, the rates of toll shall be so adjusted as to provide a fund to repay for the reasonable cost of maintaining, repairing and operating the bridge and its approaches under economic management and to provide a sinking fund sufficient to amortize the amount paid therefor, including the reasonable interest and financing cost, as soon as possible under reasonable charges. After a sinking fund sufficient for such amortization shall have been so provided, such bridge shall thereafter be maintained and operated free of tolls.

Tolls under State, etc., operation.

Rates applied to operation, sinking fund, etc.

Maintenance as free bridge after amortizing cost.

Right to sell, etc., conferred.

SEC. 8. The right to sell, assign, transfer, and mortgage all the rights, powers, and privileges conferred by this Act is hereby granted to Henderson-Ohio River Bridge Company, its successors and assigns, and any corporation to which or any person to whom such rights, powers, and privileges may be sold, assigned, or transferred, or who shall acquire the same by mortgage foreclosure or otherwise, is hereby authorized and empowered to exercise the same as fully as though conferred herein directly upon such corporation or person.

SEC. 9. The right to alter, amend, or repeal this Act is hereby expressly reserved.

Amendment.

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CHAP. 489.—Joint Resolution To provide for the membership of the United States in the American International Institute for the Protection of Childhood.

May 3, 1928.
[H. J. Res. 230.]
[Pub. Res., No. 31.]

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That to enable the United States to become a member of the American International Institute for the Protection of Childhood at Montevideo, Uruguay, there is hereby authorized to be appropriated the sum of \$2,000 per annum for the contribution by the United States toward the support of the institution.

American International Institute for Protection of Childhood.
Annual contribution authorized for membership in.
Post, pp. 913, 1106.

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CHAP. 490.—Joint Resolution Requesting the President to extend to the Republics of America an invitation to attend a Conference of Conciliation and Arbitration to be held at Washington during 1928 or 1929.

May 3, 1928.
[H. J. Res. 262.]
[Pub. Res., No. 32.]

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the President be, and he is hereby, requested to extend to the Republics of America an invitation to attend a conference of conciliation and arbitration to be held at Washington during 1928 or 1929, for the purpose of drawing up a convention for the realization of the principle of arbitration for the pacific solution of their international differences of a juridical nature which was adopted in the resolution passed at the Sixth International Conference of American States.

Conference of Conciliation and Arbitration.
American Republics invited to attend, at Washington.

SEC. 2. That the sum of \$60,000, or so much thereof as may be necessary, is hereby authorized to be appropriated for the expenses of such conference, including salaries in the District of Columbia or elsewhere, rent, printing and binding, printing of official visiting cards, travel and subsistence or per diem in lieu of subsistence (notwithstanding the provisions of any other Act), stenographic and other services by contract if deemed necessary, and such other expenses as may be deemed necessary by the Secretary of State by reason of such invitation.

Amount authorized for expenses.
Post, p. 912.

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